

Stopping For a Relic of Battle Field Saves Them Their Lives

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By Ed. L. Keen
(General European Manager for The United Press)

With the French Armies in the field, Nov. 14—By Mail—If one of the party hadn't stopped to dig up a Boche bayonet from the roadside, this piece wouldn't have been written.

The French officer-chaplain and his charges had tarried on the way back to Verdun from one of the outlying forts to chat with a bunch of Red Cross men, and incidentally to watch the antics of a flock of German aeroplanes as they dodged in and out among the feathery puffs of French shrapnel. The usual daily artillery strafe had been on for some hour. Hundreds of tons of metal had been bowling above our heads, from both sides, far up and down the line. At times there was a shot for every second. But so far the Boche targets had been located a comfortable distance away. Our officer had given the word to resume the journey, and the chauffeurs were cranking up, when the opportunity of gathering in another battle-field souvenir intervened. It is still there.

Careful figuring, conducted very shortly thereafter in one of the Red Cross dugouts nearby, convinced the whole party that if it hadn't been for the bayonet episode our cars would have collided with the big Boche shell just at the moment of its explosion about a block down the road. For half an hour, the German artillerymen raked the neighborhood, and then during a lull we beat it back to the underground shelters of the safest citadel in Europe.

The experience had merely supplied a vivid final touch to impressions already acquired—of what the soldiers of Verdun have been undergoing in the past eighteen months. In this region Nature has been given no opportunity, as she has, for example, on the battlefield of the Somme to repair as best she can the ravages of war. From the top of one of the battered forts that now forms an unbreakable ring about Verdun—recaptured from the Germans with a valor and at a sacrifice of life that will make its name immortal in history—stretches out, as far as 10-ply made in Germany binoculars can reach, a vista of utter devastation.

Once thickly forested hills and richly cultivated valleys speckled with happy villages; now a sodden, grayish, monotonous panorama of churned-up soil, cross-crossed here and there with trenches, and only an occasional stump or pile of crumbled stones to evidence its former beauty. It's like Notre Dame de Lorette, Vimy, Wytschaete, Messines, and Passchendaele Ridge all scrambled together.

All the forces of nature—fire, flood, hurricane and earthquake—could not have wrought such havoc. Only man could do it. Even looking backward, the only discernible color is the green of the distant fields, the shattered red-tiled roofs of the fortress city, and the clusters of purple-wreathed grasses where sleep the men who made the motto of Verdun—"On ne passe pas!" (No trespassers allowed!)—a reality.

The Germans now occupy very much the same line as that from which the Crown Prince launched his costly but futile attack upon this stronghold. Previously we had traversed the valley of the Marne whose almost scar-less landscape bears ample testimony to the characteristic French traits of dash, mobility, and resourcefulness; just as Verdun's pitifully harrowed hillsides will always be a monument to the hitherto less familiarly known French qualities of tireless energy and dogged stubbornness.

Then on through the forest of the Vosges down to where France in the early days of the war plucked, and still tightly clutches, a bit of what used to be hers. It's only a few square miles—just about equal in area to the plot of ground that Belgium holds of her own ravished country—but entirely sufficient to exemplify and justify another fine French trait, intense pride of accomplishment.

"Alsace Reconquise!" proudly reads the sign over a little shop fronting the badly scarred old church in the public square of Thann. Nearly all the old signs have been changed from German, but some have been retained just for souvenirs. In this corner of the "lost provinces" there is no doubt how the people stand. A good many German statesmen profess to believe that the population of Alsace-Lorraine has been so thoroughly Kulturized in the post generation and a half that a plebiscite now would show a preponderant vote in favor of Hohenzollern.



RED CROSS SEAL RHYMES

There was a man in our town
And he was wondrous wise,
He bought his Red Cross Christmas
Seals

In very large supplies.
And when he sent his presents out—
As many as could be—
Each gift was pasted roundabout
With Seals to fight T. B.

Do the people of Pennsylvania realize that we are sending millions of men to live in the midst of conditions which words fail to picture, and of which tuberculosis is one of the awful by-products? Do they also realize that Pennsylvania has furnished more men for the war in proportion to population than any other state, and that later many of these men may be returning to their homes ill with tuberculosis?

Do they know that the problem in Pennsylvania is greatly intensified because it has bigger industrial problems and a larger foreign element than any state in the union while the strain and stress of the war has fallen more heavily upon the Keystone State than any other since it is the great iron, steel and munitions center of the country?

TURKEYS

Those who desire turkeys for Christmas will please leave orders this week.

DAVID MCGARVEY.

Blake Owens returned today from Altoona, where he went to enlist in the Ambulance corps but was rejected on account of his eyes.

LOST—A hunting outfit somewhere between Shawville and Clearfield via Lick Run Hill. Finder return to Otis Knepp at Knepp's furniture store. D3-31-ch

ism. But Germans on the ground are far less confident.

The French Alsation lieutenant who piloted us to the brow of a nearby bluff where we could look out across the French-German lines in the valley below to Mulhouse told us about the factory he owned there before the war. "The Germans seized it," he said, "but my title is still good." They tried to sell it the other day, after an extensive advertising campaign, at a very low price. But nobody would buy, not even loyal German subjects!" From another eminence we could see the Rhine and beyond—"the promised land," as the lieutenant confidently remarked—while in the immediate foreground rose the devastated Hartmannswillerkopf, once the scene of the most desperate fighting of the war in this section, now comparatively quiet, with the German and French lines running across the top, in places only six yards apart. The Germans have evinced as how the French occupy all the dominating positions and have a nasty habit of returning two shots for every time the Boche artillerymen show a disposition to increase the amount of their daily practice work.

Are the people of France weary? Yes; so are those of all Europe. But they are not weary to the point of even thinking of giving up the struggle, despite or rather because of the fact that of all the Allies France's burden and her sacrifice in blood and desolated homes has been the greatest. In a tour of the war zone and of the provincial towns behind the lines, from the Channel to Switzerland, one may find everywhere abundant evidence of a relentless determination, among both soldiers and homefolks, to see the thing through.

But the predominant sentiment in France today is one of intense gratitude that America has come in to help. Any fleeting doubts as to the outcome were dispelled with the arrival of the Sammies.

HUNNISH SOLDIER EXECUTED

Washington, Dec. 3.—The War Department today approved the execution of Private Frank S. Cadus, infantryman in the Pershing expedition for the murder of a seven-year-old French girl. The papers in the case showed that Cadus, while drunk, choked the girl and threw the body on a pile of rubbish where her father found it. Cadus was hanged.

BELIEVE VENICE SAVED FROM THE HUNS

French and British Score Gains
On Passchendaele Front Is
Encouraging To Allies

ITALIANS SAVE THEIR CITY

Washington, Dec. 3.—Venice is believed saved, as the Austro-German advance at the Adriatic end of the Piave river line has been halted, according to Rome cables today. "Marsh trenches" constructed by specially trained Italian troops in the marshy part of the country have checked the invader. Batteries mounted on monitors and units of the Italian navy supported by hydroplanes and motor boats also figured in the rescue of the City of Doges.

By Henry Wood

With the French Army, Dec. 3.—French and British forces have taken vulnerable points all along the Passchendaele front. The United Press was authorized to make this important announcement today.

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.—Reports that General Kaledine with hundreds of thousands of Cossacks had reached Rostov and are marching toward Moscow were received here today.

RED HOT CONTEST EXPECTED TODAY WHEN THE C. B. C. AND THE PROF. MEN MEET IN A GAME

The game between the Progress and Banta Ref. Co., scheduled for last Saturday night, was postponed until a later date. Neither team made an appearance. "Red" was around practicing up on his famous "shine ball." It would pay Red to get this ball of his patented as somebody might steal it.

There was some good scores made in practice games on Saturday night, Wallace having 189, MaWhinney 210, and H. Roseberry 223 all in one game. Tonight the Prof. Men will bowl the C. B. C. team. Watch the fur fly tonight, as the Prof. Men are out to win back the laurels they lost in the last match between these two teams. The Prof. Men say they are going to make them look like pikers. This ought to make "Chief" Wetter bowl. Go to it, Chief, and trim up like you did before.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John McCoy and Blanche Weaver, both of Duois.

William Lundberg and Viola Lenig, both of Duois.

Edward Kenworthy, of DuBois, and Flora Cathcart, of Clearfield.

Russell Clark, of Soldier and Marion Woodhead, of Stanley.

Walter Sink and Ethel Montgomery, both of DuBois.

Ralph etzer and Margaret Cutler, both of Lawrence township.

Leslie Wise and Grace Carns, both of Clearfield.

Lloyd Matthews and Marion Luka, both of Curwensville.

John Mallon and Elinora Hughes, both of Curwensville.

Martin Munnison and Ella Gelpatrick, both of Spangler.

Ambrose Smith of Penn township and Freddie Rowles, of Grampian.

Verdon Michaels of Isler, and Erda Dillion of Kylesstown.

Jesse Thomas, of arion Center and Anna Bee, of Glen Campbell.

WANTED—A nurse girl in family of three children. Also help with house work. Good wages. Apply A. B. C. Progress. D3-32

NOTICE

The Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Y. M. C. A.

TRAIN WRECKS INJURE NEAR 100 TODAY

Three Serious Derailments Result In Loss of Two Lives
And Scores Badly Hurt

ONE WAS A TROOP TRAIN

Corry, Pa., Dec. 3.—The Pittsburgh Express on the Pittsburgh and Allegheny division on the Pennsylvania railroad was derailed early today with a loss of two lives. Frank Martin, of Oil City, the engineer and Wm. Eckley, fireman, of Buffalo, were the victims. The quick action of the air brake gave the passengers only hard shaking up. Defective rails were believed today to have been the cause of the accident.

Derry, Pa., Dec. 3.—Many passengers of the Pennsylvania Express No. 32 east bound from Pittsburgh to New York, were injured today when the Express side-swiped a freight near here. It is believed 27 were injured, some of them seriously.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Forty-two persons were injured when an Illinois special troop train jumped the track two and a half miles south of Batou, Ill., at 9:45 this morning. Thirty-nine soldiers, a woman and two civilians were injured, none of them seriously. The train was bound from Chicago to the national army cantonment at Rockford, Ill., with eight hundred soldiers. Eleven of the steel cars left the tracks. Some of the train crew believed the wreck was the work of plotters, as the rails were loosened. Alfred Cliff, general manager of the Illinois Central said today that he believed the wreck was the result of something dragging from the train—a brake beam—when they crossed a switch. Federal, state and railroad officials are cooperating in an investigation.

Several Camps Have a Buck Or Two Hung Up

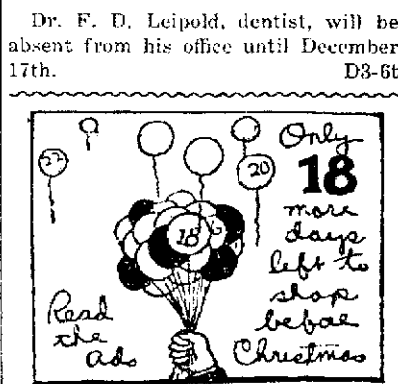
Not Many Killings Reported Owing To Unfavorable Weather

The snow has failed to fall in sufficient quantity to guarantee wholesale killings of game on the mountains thus far this season. Few killings have been reported thus far but the weather sharp promises some snow within the next twenty-four hours and ye editor, who hopes to migrate to the woods Wednesday evening, is getting quite anxious for the time to arrive.

The Laurel Run camp reports two fine four-pronged specimens, the Punksutawney Club a spike buck, the Schrote Camp one buck, killed by Slim Fullerton, the Blue Ball Camp one buck and the Gaylor Camp two bucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Shaw, of Stoneboro arrived Saturday evening to visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Shaw, on William street.

Dr. F. D. Leopold, dentist, will be absent from his office until December 17th. D3-6t



Y. W. C. A. Benefit To Raise War Funds

A tea and sociable will be given at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m.

Price 25 cents

Come and bring your knitting and help the ladies raise Clearfield County's share of the fund.

CONGRESS WILL TACKLE BIG WAR TASK

War Measures Will Necessarily Take Preference Over All Other Legislation

EXPECT WAR ON AUSTRIA

(By United Press.)
Washington, Dec. 3.—America's "win the war" session of Congress opened today. With the United States prepared to assume the dominant role in the war on the Hun, the 65th Congress convened at noon with gigantic tasks before it. The question of financing the most important war in history and meeting the economic conditions at home and giving continued adequate support to this nation's allies will keep Congress in session well through next summer.

President Wilson will appear before the House and Senate in joint session tomorrow to deliver his speech. Chairman Flood of the House Foreign Affairs committee will call a meeting immediately to take up problems which the President suggests. Appropriation and revenue committees will also get under way. Immediately after the Senate convened Senator La Follette, a colleague of Senator Paul Hastings, who was killed accidentally while hunting, introduced a resolution that the Senate adjourn in the dead man's memory.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Congress re-assembled today with war problems before it which probably will keep it in session until September or October. Leaders expect these results: Declaration of war on Austria. New and more radical war profits taxes.

War appropriations approximating \$20,000,000,000.

Action on proposed "dry" and woman suffrage amendments to the national constitution. There is general recognition that the session will be largely emergency in character, taking up war measures as events at the front develop. Many members favor keeping the session until the end of the war, or the constitutional life of the body ceases. The fact that all members must seek re-election next fall and wish to be in their districts acts, however, as a brake on this movement.

The Senate has a problem all its own—La Follette. When the special war session adjourned, there seemed to be a general agreement to attempt to censure and not to expel him. The Wisconsin pacifist, however, has given every indication of pushing the fight to a decision himself—the two alternatives being either that he is an expelled martyr or the vindicated victor. He confidently expects the latter result, counting on the Senate's strong free-speech convictions.

Three most powerful forces in the House—Reps. Kitchin Fitzgerald and Speaker Clark—are committed to levies of 80 per cent of war profits. Sentiment is general that not only must all levies be increased but that new ways of raising money must be invented. High cost of food is working against proposed consumption taxes.

Declarations of war are possible against Bulgaria and Turkey as well as against Austria. Action on these matters will rest solely on recommendations from President Wilson.

Leaders generally expect the "dry" amendment to be successful, and the Suffrage amendment to be beaten. The carrying of New York has had two effects—it has shown the women's strength, but also has given ammunition to those who argue that the cause can succeed in a state-by-state fight.

The dry amendment needs only to pass the House, the Senate having approved it in the extra session. If it is successful, three-fourths of the states must approve it within six years. Many "wets" have voted for it, thinking this impossible, and figuring all other dry proposals will be quiescent until a final decision on this one is reached.

Democrats are in safe control, having picked up one additional member in the special November elections.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Charging unqualified approval of war on Austria, Senator Lodge, of Mass., ranking Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said it is essential that there be unity among

CHURCH HONORS ITS ENLISTED MEMBERS

Presbyterian Church and Sunday School Now Has 51 Men In Active Military Service

UNFURL BIG SERVICE FLAG

A service of unusual solemnity and impressiveness was observed at the Presbyterian Church last evening when a service flag containing fifty-one stars was unfurled. The Presbyterian church and Sunday School already has that number of members in the active service of the United States Army and Navy and other military units. In addition to this nine other members have volunteered but either were rejected or have not been called into active service.

Dr. Reeves spoke feelingly of the pride he had in serving so patriotic a congregation and read a most wonderful and interesting letter from Lieut. W. Scott Piper who is in the thick of the fighting in Europe with the British forces. Howard Hartwick, Esq., teacher of Class No. 4, the donors of the flag, made the presentation speech and Lieut. J. Fred Weaver, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, responded on behalf of the church. A son of Major Fred B. Kerr had the honor of hoisting the flag to its prominent position in the beautiful edifice.

Following are the members of the church and Sunday School who are today in uniform. Thirteen of these are already in France.

Leslie D. Gordon William P. Young
David M. Ferguson Cecil M. Torrance
Frank A. Scog Elmer D. Kurtz
David McCullough Elmer L. Reed
Hepburn W. Showers Frank M. Reed
J. Herman Ferguson Lester C. Carson
G. W. Somerville Alexander Spence
David C. Wright George Torrance
Fred C. Prosser Guy H. Lawhead
Gruver Noll John H. Fullford
Wm. A. Wallace Raymond D. Smith
Dr. W. Scott Piper Malcolm W. Cox
Osas W. Gearhart Amos W. Hess
Willard W. Barratt Andrew Spence
F. Gregory Hartwick Beryl Reed
Raymond Patterson Clyde Conway
Leroy H. Kurtz Lloyd S. Owens
William W. Keeler Fred B. Kerr
Francis M. Tompkins Robert B. Reed
T. Huston Hartwick Ivan Banta
Clayton G. Shaw Freeman Fullerton
Robert P. Holden Eugene A. Ballis
Lawshie B. Dorr Fred Hess
Chester Kerr Boyd McCullough
George A. Bell Daniel Lauver
Henry Highfield

Altoona Murderer Goes To Electric Chair

Murderer of Policeman McGinley Of Altoona Pays Death Penalty

Altoona, Dec. 3.—Frank A. Wendt of this city was put to death at Rockview this morning at seven o'clock for the murder of Constable Michael McGinley in June, 1915. Wendt's brother, Walter, was convicted of second degree murder for his part in McGinley's death and is serving a twenty-year sentence in Western Penitentiary.

It will be remembered that the murder of Constable McGinley was one of the coldest blooded deeds that has been perpetrated in the criminal annals of Blair county.

Frank Wendt with his brother Alfred and another accomplice were fleeing from a warrant issued against them for robbing the wholesale grocery house of Carry-Cannan Co., of Altoona, Pa., and when overtaken in Mill Run woods in the outskirts of the city by Constable McGinley, shot him several times and then hid the body in some underbrush.

After a strenuous chase which took the officers into Ohio, the boys were captured and the sentence meted out to them as noted above.

The nations. We have sent Col. House abroad in the interest of allied unity, said Lodge. "If the objective is to be attained it is essential that we fight the same enemy. Therefore we should line up against Austria."

Washington, Dec. 3.—Bone dry prohibition throughout the United States for the duration of the war as a food conservation measure is contained in a resolution by Representative Randall of Cal., which is ready for introduction.

THRIFT STAMPS WILL HELP TO WIN THE WAR

A Quarter Can Now Be Put Into Government Loans and Stamp Will Be Given For It

A MODEL SAVING METHOD

Washington, Dec. 3.—Uncle Sam today set in motion another great "win-the-war" money campaign to catch the nation's vagabond 25-cent pieces. It was the formal launching of the new \$2,000,000,000 War Savings Certificates plan.

If you have a quarter you don't know what to do with today—or on any day during the next year—drop it into a post office, or your bank, or even some department store or railroad station in your town, and buy a "Thrift Stamp."

Take it home as a nest egg, and "watch it grow." When you get 10 of them, go back to the post office and cash them in for a "War Savings Certificate Stamp." Then you have something which cost you \$4.12; and which you can cash in five years hence—when your money has helped whip the Boche—for exactly \$5.00.

To help you save the Thrift Stamp, the post office will furnish you free with a "Thrift Card" bearing 10 staking spaces for the 25 cent stamps.

If you want to buy a War Savings Certificate Stamp outright, it will cost you \$4.12 during December and January, with a penny a month added until the close of the offer at the end of 1918.

With this first War Savings Certificate stamp you will be given another enticing card with twenty blank spaces. This when filled in gives you a "Redeemed War Savings Certificate" the total cost of which is \$5.00 (which is a penny a month per stamp added after January 1918) and which is redeemable on January 1, 1922 for a full \$10.00. What makes this plan of lending your spare change to the government even more attractive, is the bonus offered of getting rid of the stamps in certificates—at a profit if you get ten stamps for money. At any time, ten days written notice, they will be taken in, and three per cent interest additional paid.

To emphasize it's the "small cash" that's wanted, the government will refuse to issue more than \$100 worth of stamps at one time, or allow one person to hold more than \$1,000 worth.

The greater part of the funds obtained under the plan will be spent within the borders of the United States.

CAMPAIGN FOR Y. W. C. A. WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY

The women of Clearfield who have undertaken the work of raising funds for the Young Women's Christian Association for the purpose of providing places of comfort and convenience for the women who are at work at the front, and in the various military camps and cantonments, have formed their organization and a number of teams of solicitors will canvass every house in Clearfield this week.

The town has been divided into districts so that the solicitors can get through with the work in the shortest possible time. These teams will work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning of this week, and the women of the homes of Clearfield are kindly requested to make as liberal contributions to the fund as their means will permit, as the money is to be used in a good cause.

The campaign for money for the Y. M. C. A. was a great success, and in view of the excellent work that is being done by the women engaged in war work, their welfare should be given the same consideration as the men.

Kindly have your subscription ready, and thereby help the collectors in their work.

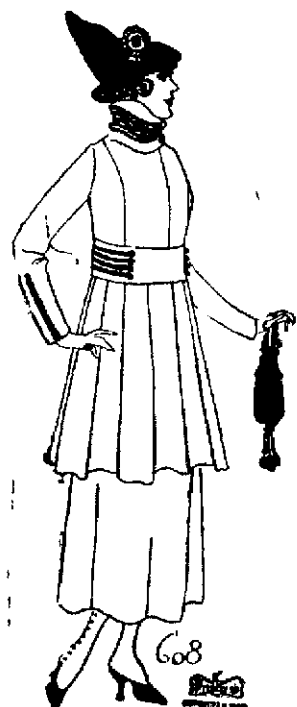
AUTO ACCIDENT

Emory Hummel was one of the participants in what may have been a serious automobile accident yesterday. While crossing the Second street bridge on his way to his home on the West Side, another car, coming in the opposite direction, ran directly into him. Neither of the drivers were hurt, but both cars had to be hauled to the garage for repairs.

Progress Ads Pay

DO YOUR
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING EARLY

OUR BIG TOYLAND
IS NOW OPEN IN
THE BASEMENT



Now---The Master Stroke of The Season.
HUNDREDS of BEAUTIFUL NEW SUITS

Divided Into Four Wonderful Groups

GROUP NO. 1
All Suits That Were
Regular Values From
\$19.50 to \$22.50 at
\$14.75

GROUP NO. 2
All Suits That Were
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\$25.00 to \$30.00 at
\$19.75

GROUP NO. 3
All Suits That Were
Regular Values From
\$35.00 to \$42.50 at
\$29.75

GROUP NO. 4
All Suits That Were
Regular Values From
\$45.00 to \$55.00 at
\$39.75

The pictures sketched by the artist give but an inkling of the whole amazing story! Examine each cut carefully. Read the description and note the price. Have you ever heard of such values!

Stop to think of the tremendous size of this purchase—over a hundred suits not merely on order—or subject to call if we happen to need them—but right here in stock for your choosing today, at prices which are nothing short of astounding. You will understand why we are justified in calling this “The Master Stroke of the Season.”

We are very fortunate to have been able to buy the surplus stock of several of the better suit manufacturers and

at a very advantageous figure. A month ago, if you had bought a garment exactly like any of those in our present stock, the price you'd pay would be double the money we are asking today—many of the styles are offered at exactly the price of the fabrics.

MATERIALS—Serge, broadcloth, rodier, velour, velvet, Gaberdine, Oxford, silvertone, etc.

STYLES—All this season's styles in plain tailored, new flare jackets, fur and braid trimmed, etc.

COLORS—Wisteria, Burgundy, green, taupe, navy, brown and black.

Suit Sale Starts Wednesday Morning at 9 O'Clock



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Christmas will please leave orders this
week.

DAVID MCGARVEY.

Blake Owens returned today from
Altoona, where he went to enlist in
the Ambulance corps but was rejected
on account of his eyes.

LOST—A hunting outfit some-
where between Shawville and Clear-
field via Lick Run Hill. Finder re-
turn to Otis Knepp at Knepp's fur-
niture store. D3-31-ch

ism. But Germans on the ground are
far less confident.

The French Alsation lieutenant who
piloted us to the brow of a nearby
bluff where we could look out across
the French-German lines in the valley
below to Mulhouse told us about the
factory he owned there before the
war. "The Germans seized it," he
said, "but my title is still good." They
tried to sell it the other day, after an
extensive advertising campaign, at a
very low price. But nobody would
buy, not even loyal German subjects!"

From another eminence we could
see the Rhine and beyond—"the prom-
ised land," as the lieutenant confi-
dently remarked—while in the immediate
foreground rose the devastated Hart-
mannswillerkopf, once the scene of the
most desperate fighting of the war in
this section, now comparatively quiet,
with the German and French lines
running across the top, in places only
six yards apart. The Germans have
evinced as how the French occupy all
the dominating positions and have a
nasty habit of returning two shots for
every time the Boche artillerymen
show a disposition to increase the
amount of their daily practice work.

Are the people of France war-
weary? Yes; so are those of all Eu-
rope. But they are not weary to the
point of even thinking of giving up
the struggle, despite or rather because
of the fact that of all the Allies
France's burden and her sacrifice in
blood and desolated homes has been
the greatest. In a tour of the war
zone and of the provincial towns be-
hind the lines, from the Channel to
Switzerland, one may find everywhere
abundant evidence of a relentless de-
termination, among both soldiers and
homelands, to see the thing through.

But the predominant sentiment in
France today is one of intense grate-
tude that America has come in to help.
Any fleeting doubts as to the outcome
were dispelled with the arrival of the
Sammies.

HUNNISH SOLDIER EXECUTED

Washington, Dec. 3.—The War
Department today approved the
execution of Private Frank S.
Cadus, infantryman in the Per-
ishing expedition for the murder
of a seven-year-old French girl.
The papers in the case showed
that Cadus, while drunk, choked
the girl and threw the body on a
pile of rubbish where her father
found it. Cadus was hanged.

BELIEVE VENICE SAVED FROM THE HUNS

French and British Score Gains
On Passchendaele Front Is
Encouraging To Allies

ITALIANS SAVE THEIR CITY

Washington, Dec. 3.—Venice is be-
lieved saved, as the Austro-German
advance at the Adriatic end of the
Piave river line has been halted, ac-
cording to Rome cables today. "Marsh
trenches" constructed by specially
trained Italian troops in the marshy
part of the country have checked the
invader. Batteries mounted on moni-
tors and units of the Italian navy sup-
ported by hydroplanes and motor
boats also figured in the rescue of the
City of Doges.

By Henry Wood

With the French Army, Dec. 3.—
French and British forces have taken
vulnerable points all along the Pass-
chendaele front. The United Press was
authorized to make this important
announcement today.

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.—Reports that
General Kaledine with hundreds of
thousands of Cossacks had reached
Rostov and are marching toward
Moscow were received here today.

RED HOT CONTEST EXPECTED TODAY WHEN THE C. B. C. AND THE PROF. MEN MEET IN A GAME

The game between the Progress
and Banta Ref. Co., scheduled for last
Saturday night, was postponed until
a later date. Neither team made an
appearance. "Red" was around prac-
ticing up on his famous "shine ball."
It would pay Red to get this ball of
his patented as somebody might steal
it.

There was some good scores made
in practice games on Saturday night,
Wallace having 189, MaWhinney 210,
and H. Roseberry 223 all in one game.
Tonight the Prof. Men will bowl
the C. B. C. team. Watch the fur-
fly tonight, as the Prof. Men are out
to win back the laurels they lost in
the last match between these two
teams. The Prof. Men say they are
going to make them look like pikers.
This ought to make "Chief" Wetter
bowl. Go to it, Chief, and trim up
like you did before.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John McCoy and Blanche Weaver,
both of Duois.

William Lundberg and Viola Lenig,
both of Duois.

Edward Kenworthy, of DuBois, and
Flora Cathcart, of Clearfield.

Russell Clark, of Soldier and Mari-
on Woodhead, of Stanley.

Walter Sink and Ethel Montgom-
ery, both of DuBois.

Ralph etzer and Margaret Cutler,
both of Lawrence township.

Leslie Wise and Grace Carns, both
of Clearfield.

Lloyd Matthews and Marion Luka,
both of Curwensville.

John Mallon and Elinora Hughes,
both of Curwensville.

Martin Munnison and Ella Glat-
rick, both of Spangler.

Ambrose Smith of Penn township
and Freddie Rowles, of Grampian.

Verdon Michaels of Isler, and Erda
Billion of Kylesburg.

Jesse Thomas, of arion Center and
Anna Bee, of Glen Campbell.

WANTED—A nurse girl in family
of three children. Also help with
house work. Good wages. Apply A.
B. C. Progress. D3-32

NOTICE

The Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary will meet
Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Y.
M. C. A.

TRAIN WRECKS INJURE NEAR 100 TODAY

Three Serious Derailments Re-
sult In Loss of Two Lives
And Scores Badly Hurt

ONE WAS A TROOP TRAIN

Corry, Pa., Dec. 3.—The Pittsburg
Express on the Pittsburg and Alle-
gheny division on the Pennsylvania
railroad was derailed early today with
a loss of two lives. Frank Martin,
of Oil City, the engineer and Wm.
Eckley, fireman, of Buffalo, were the
victims. The quick action of the air
brake gave the passengers only hard
shaking up. Defective rails were be-
lieved today to have been the cause
of the accident.

Derry, Pa., Dec. 3.—Many pass-
engers of the Pennsylvania Express
No. 32 east bound from Pittsburg to
New York, were injured today when
the Express side-swiped a freight
train here. It is believed 27 were in-
jured, some of them seriously.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Forty-two per-
sons were injured when an Illinois
special troop train jumped the track
two and a half miles south of Batou,
Ill., at 9:45 this morning. Thirty-
nine soldiers, a woman and two civil-
ians were injured, none of them seri-
ously. The train was bound from
Chicago to the national army canton-
ment at Rockford, Ill., with eight
hundred soldiers. Eleven of the steel
cars left the tracks. Some of the
train crew believed the wreck was the
work of plotters, as the rails were
boomed. Alfred Cliff, general man-
ager of the Illinois Central said today
that he believed the wreck was the
result of something dragging from
the train—a brake beam—when they
crossed a switch. Federal, state and
railroad officials are cooperating in
an investigation.

Several Camps Have a Buck Or Two Hung Up

Not Many Killings Reported Owing
To Unfavorable Weather

The snow has failed to fall in suf-
ficient quantity to guarantee wholesale
killings of game on the mountains
thus far this season. Few killings
have been reported thus far but the
weather sharp promises some snow
within the next twenty-four hours
and ye editor, who hopes to migrate
to the woods Wednesday evening, is
getting quite anxious for the time to
arrive.

The Laurel Run camp reports two
fine four-pronged specimens, the
Punkstunway Club a spike buck, the
Schroter Camp one buck, killed by
Slim Fullerton, the Blue Ball Camp
one buck and the Gaylor Camp two
bucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Shaw, of Stone-
boro arrived Saturday evening to visit
with the former's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Archie Shaw, on William street.

Dr. F. D. Leopold, dentist, will be
absent from his office until December
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Y. W. C. A. Benefit To Raise War Funds

A tea and sociable will be
given at the Presbyterian
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from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m.

Price 25 cents

Come and bring your knit-
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Clearfield County's share of
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EXPECT WAR ON AUSTRIA

(By United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 3.—America's
"win the war" session of Congress
opened today. With the United States
prepared to assume the dominant role
in the war on the Hun, the 65th Con-
gress convened at noon with gigantic
tasks before it. The question of
financing the most important war in
history and meeting the economic
conditions at home and giving con-
tinued adequate support to this na-
tion's allies will keep Congress in
session well through next summer.

President Wilson will appear be-
fore the House and Senate in joint
session tomorrow to deliver his
speech. Chairman Flood of the
House Foreign Affairs committee will
call a meeting immediately to take
up problems which the President sug-
gests. Appropriation and revenue
committees will also get under way.
Immediately after the Senate conven-
ed Senator La Follette, a colleague of
Senator Paul Hastings, who was killed
accidentally while hunting, intro-
duced a resolution that the Senate
adjourn in the dead man's memory.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Congress re-
assembled today with war problems
before it which probably will keep it
in session until September or October.
Leaders expect these results:

New and more radical war profits
taxes.

War appropriations approximating
\$20,000,000,000.

Action on proposed "dry" and wo-
man suffrage amendments to the na-
tional constitution.

There is general recognition that
the session will be largely emergency
in character, taking up war meas-
ures as events at the front develop. Many
members favor keeping the session
until the end of the war, or the con-
stitutional life of the body ceases.
The fact that all members must seek
re-election next fall and wish to be in
their districts acts, however, as a
brake on this movement.

The Senate has a problem all its
own—La Follette. When the special
war session adjourned, there seemed
to be a general agreement to attempt
to censure and not to expel him. The
Wisconsin pacifist, however, has given
every indication of pushing the
fight to a decision himself—the two
alternates being either that he is an
expelled martyr or the vindicated vic-
tor. He confidently expects the lat-
ter result, counting on the Senate's
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CHURCH HONORS ITS ENLISTED MEMBERS

Presbyterian Church and Sunday
School Now Has 51 Men In
Active Military Service

UNFURL BIG SERVICE FLAG

A service of unusual solemnity and
impressiveness was observed at the
Presbyterian Church last evening
when a service flag containing fifty-
one stars was unfurled. The Presby-
terian church and Sunday School al-
ready has that number of members in
the active service of the United States
Army and Navy and other military
units. In addition to this nine other
members have volunteered but either
were rejected or have not been called
into active service.

Dr. Reeves spoke feelingly of the
pride he had in serving so patriotic
a congregation and read a most won-
derful and interesting letter from
Lieut. W. Scott Piper who is in the
thick of the fighting in Europe with
the British forces. Howard Hart-
wick, Esq., teacher of Class No. 4,
the donors of the flag, made the pre-
sentation speech and Lieut. J. Fred
Weaver, a veteran of the Spanish-
American war, responded on behalf
of the church. A son of Major Fred
B. Kerr had the honor of hoisting the
flag to its prominent position in the
beautiful edifice.

Following are the members of the
church and Sunday School who are
today in uniform. Thirteen of these
are already in France.

Leslie D. Gordon William P. Young
David M. Ferguson Cecil M. Torrance
Frank A. Scog Elmer D. Kurtz
David McCullough Elmer L. Reed
Hepburn W. Showers Frank M. Reed
J. Herman Ferguson Lester C. Carson
G. W. Somerville Alexander Spence
David C. Wright George Torrance
Fred. K. Prosser Guy H. Lawhead
Gruver Noll John H. Fullford
Wm. A. Wallace Raymond D. Smith
Dr. W. Scott Piper Malcolm W. Cox
Osar W. Gearhart Amos W. Hess
Willard W. Barratt Andrew Spence
F. Gregory Hartwick Beryl Reed
Raymond Patterson Clyde Conway
Leroy H. Kurtz Lloyd S. Owens
William W. Keeler Fred B. Kerr
Francis M. Tompkins Robert B. Reed
T. Huston Hartwick Ivan Banta
Clayton G. Shaw Freeman Fullerton
Robert P. Holden Eugene A. Ballis
Lawshie B. Dorr Fred Hess
Chester Kerr Boyd McCullough
George A. Bell Daniel Lauver
Henry Highfield

Altoona Murderer Goes To Electric Chair

Murderer of Policeman McGinley Of
Altoona Pays Death Penalty

Altoona, Dec. 3.—Frank A. Wendt
of this city was put to death at Rock-
view this morning at seven o'clock
for the murder of Constable Michael
McGinley in June, 1915. Wendt's
brother, Walter, was convicted of sec-
ond degree murder for his part in
McGinley's death and is serving a twen-
ty year sentence in Western Peni-
tentiary.

It will be remembered that the
murder of Constable McGinley was
one of the coldest blooded deeds that
has been perpetrated in the criminal
annals of Blair county.

Frank Wendt with his brother Alfred
and another accomplice were fleeing
from a warrant issued against them
for robbing the wholesale grocery
house of Carry-Cannan Co., of Alto-
ona, Pa., and when overtaken in Mill
Run woods in the outskirts of the
city by Constable McGinley, shot him
several times and then hid the body
in some underbrush.

After a strenuous chase which took
the officers into Ohio, the boys were
captured and the sentence meted out
to them as noted above.

The nations. We have sent Col. House
abroad in the interest of allied unity,
said Lodge. "If the objective is to
be attained it is essential that we
fight the same enemy. Therefore we
should line up against Austria."

Washington, Dec. 3.—Bone dry pro-
hibition throughout the United
States for the duration of the war as
a food conservation measure is con-
tained in a resolution by Representa-
tive Randall of Cal., which is ready
for introduction.

THRIFT STAMPS WILL HELP TO WIN THE WAR

A Quarter Can Now Be Put Into
Government Loans and Stamp
Will Be Given For It

A MODEL SAVING METHOD

Washington, Dec. 3.—Uncle Sam to-
day set in motion another great "win-
the-war" money campaign to catch
the nation's vagabond 25-cent pieces.
It was the formal launching of the
new \$2,000,000,000 War Savings Cer-
tificates plan.

If you have a quarter you don't
know what to do with today—or in
any day during the next year—drop
it into a post office, or your bank, or
even some department store or rail-
road station in your town, and buy a
"Thrifty Stamp."

Take it home as a nest egg, and
"watch it grow." When you get 10
of them, go back to the post office and
cash them in for a "War Savings
Certificate Stamp." Then you have
something which cost you \$4.12; and
which you can cash in five years
hence—when your money has helped
whip the Boche—for exactly \$5.00.

To help you save the Thrifty Stamp
the post office will furnish you free
with a "Thrifty Card" bearing 10
stamping spaces for the 25 cent stamps.

If you want to buy a War Savings
Certificate Stamp outright, it will cost
you \$4.12 during December and Jan-
uary, with a penny a month added un-
til the close of the offer at the end of
1918.

With this first War Savings Certi-
ficate stamp you will be given another
enticing card with twenty blank
spaces. This when filled in gives you a
pledged War Savings Certificate for
the total cost of which is \$5.00 (which
penny a month per stamp added after
January 1918) and which is redeem-
able on January 1, 1923 for a full \$10.00.

What makes this plan of lending
your spare change to the government
even more attractive, is the loan
offered of getting rid of the stamps in
certificates—at a profit if you get rid
of them for money. At any time, in
ten days written notice, they will be
taken in, and three per cent interest
additional paid.

To emphasize it's the small cash
that's wanted, the government will re-
fuse to issue more than \$100 worth of
stamps at one time, or allow one per-
son to hold more than \$1,000 worth.

The greater part of the funds ob-
tained under the plan will be spent
within the borders of the United
States.

CAMPAIGN FOR Y. W. C. A. WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY

The women of Clearfield who have
undertaken the work of raising funds
for the Young Women's Christian
Association for the purpose of provid-
ing places of comfort and conveni-
ence for the women who are at work
at the front, and in the various mili-
tary camps and cantonments, have
formed their organization and a num-
ber of teams of solicitors will canvass
every house in Clearfield this
week.

The town has been divided into dis-
tricts so that the solicitors can get
through with the work in the shortest
possible time.

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EDITORIAL

CASTIN' UP

Editor Short insinuates that Clearfield's police force spends a good deal of its time in certain clubs where the flowing bowl may be seen in all its pristine beauty. Better be careful, Shorty, for you may hide in your cellar one of these nights and discover that your clock is "taking a hand" in the game. — (Curwensville Herald.)

A TREMENDOUS SUBJECT

The Clearfield County Public Safety Committee will do well to look to the source of news stories bearing Clearfield date lines and which are now appearing with regularity in the city newspapers. Such stories as have recently been printed must of necessity be inspired by desire to defeat the ends of all agencies working for the successful prosecution of the war or the measly penny a line paid for such sensational matter by the city news papers. It is a noteworthy fact that there has been practically no truth in any of the articles which have appeared in the city papers from this vicinity for some time. One of the most recent examples was the story with regard to the refusal of Judge Bell to obey the mandates of the health authorities. This story gained wide circulation and in addition to being an annoyance and a false representation of Judge Bell's actions it created a great deal of adverse feeling throughout the county by people who, not being well informed, choose to believe the story.

Yesterday one of the city papers having a large probably the largest circulation in Clearfield, carried the following story under a Clearfield date line.

Clearfield, Pa., Dec. 1. The city health department today added nine more cases to the list of which are in the county and the city of Clearfield. One of the cases is an infant, the child of a woman who lives in the city. The child is now in the hospital and is expected to recover.

The city health department is working today as usual but it must be noted that such stories will not do much to aid and abet the work of the community.

The health department has engaged in a great many efforts to the town of finishing employers with more business and this story is a detriment to their work. It will cause much demoralization among the workers.

MAKING INCOME RETURNS

Need not pay tax. As in the case of this bank will be satisfied in the future.

Clearfield National Bank

GLOBE

THEATRE
TONIGHT

Special Live Feature
R. A. Walsh with Marion Cooper
With all Stars

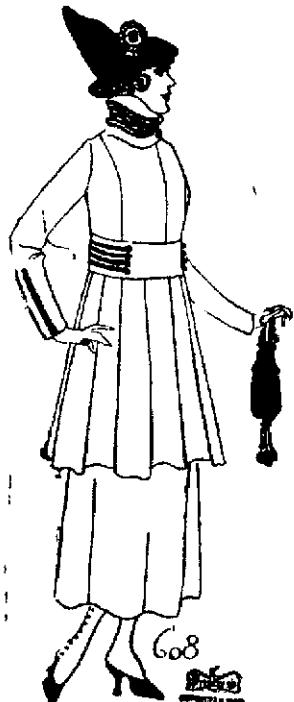
THE INDEPENDENT SINNER
In 6 Fascinating Acts

Special Christmas Comedy
WITH THE "MIMMIES" HELP
All Stars
Music by the famous Wurlitzer Orchestra

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